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APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE TITLE:

HAVING SLITS

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a DIVISIONAL APPLICATION under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.:

09/768,891

Prior Art Unit:

1732

Filed:

January 24, 2001

Prior Examiner: Mark Eashoo

Title:

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

HAVING SLITS

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2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

- Page(s) of Specification
- Page(s) of Claims
- Page(s) of Abstract
- Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1(a)-12(b))

B. Other Papers Enclose	В.	Other	Papers	Enclose	d
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- [x] A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application
- A Preliminary Amendment
- [x] Information Disclosure Statement
- [x] Form PTO-1449

3. The correspondence address for this application is: Customer No. 025191

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4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

- [] Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- [] Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

5. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

[] Priority of provisional application Serial No. ______ filed ______, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

[x] Priority of said prior application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Application Number Filing Date Relationship
09/768,891 January 24, 2001 Parent

C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

[x] Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

Country	Application Number	Filing Date	
Japan	2000-046530	February 23, 2000	

[x] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/768,891 on January 24, 2001.

6. Assignment

The prior application is assigned of record to <u>NGK Insulators, Ltd.</u> at Reel <u>011482</u>, Frame(s) <u>0517-0519</u> (recorded January 24, 2001).

7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Filing fee (37 CFR §1.16(a))							
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE				
Total Claims	8 - 20 =	0	× \$ 18.00				
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	× \$ 86.00				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$290.00							
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =							
[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.							
TOTAL FEES DUE =							

8. Payment of Fees and Authorization to Charge Additional Fees or Credit Overpayment

- [x] A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
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